

**House File 2217 - Introduced**

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BY MERTZ

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to bidding procedures for drainage and levee  
2 districts, and including provisions for effective dates.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 26.2, subsection 2, Code 2009, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 2. "*Governmental entity*" means the state, political  
4 subdivisions of the state, public school corporations, and all  
5 officers, boards, or commissions empowered by law to enter  
6 into contracts for the construction of public improvements,  
7 excluding the state board of regents; ~~and the state department~~  
8 of transportation; and the governing body of any drainage or  
9 levee district as provided in chapter 468, including a board as  
10 defined in section 468.3, when acting under that chapter.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
12 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill amends Code chapter 26, the Iowa Construction  
15 Bidding Procedures Act, which establishes requirements  
16 applicable to state and local governmental entities when  
17 bidding and letting contracts for public improvements. The  
18 bill excludes the governing body of a drainage or levee  
19 district from these requirements. The governing body for a  
20 drainage or levee district includes a board of supervisors, the  
21 joint boards of supervisors in case of an intercounty levee  
22 or drainage district, or the board of trustees in case of a  
23 district under trustee management.